



THREE MARINERS OARE



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This circular walk from The Three Mariners, farmland and takes in Kent Wildlife Trust nature reserve at Oare.

The reserve is of international importance for migratory, overwintering and breeding wetland birds and consists of grazing marsh, freshwater dykes, saltmarsh and seawall. While walking this route there is the opportunity to see a wide range of bird species and enjoy stunning scenery.



Kent Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation charity managing over 80 nature reserves across Kent, ensuring the landscape is protected and enhanced for wildlife in addition to running wildlife reintroduction projects throughout Kent.

www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

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Note

Please note that dogs must be kept under control all times as livestock may be in fields, and gates should be left how you find them. The public footpaths should remain as published here and are generally marked by small circular markers or signposts. Please take care of passing traffic when walking on country lanes as well as on all footpaths for trip and slip hazards. Please be aware that the landscape is farmed and is subject to change from time to time.

INFORMATION

Paths

A variety of country lanes, stony tracks, agricultural land and grass.

Walking boots recommended



Distance & Time

Miles: Long 5 miles

Short 3 miles

Allow: Long 2 ¼ hours

Short 1 ½ hours



The Three Mariners, Oare

These walks start and finish at The Three Mariners, Oare. They take in the beautiful nature reserve owned by Shepherd Neame's Charity of the Year Kent Wildlife Trust.

www.thethreemarinersoare.co.uk

Elevation

This is an easy walk. At its lowest point you will be 3 ft above sea level and at its highest point you will be 64 ft above sea level. In total you will ascend 207 ft.



THREE MARINERS

in Oare



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1 Starting from the pub car park; turn right onto The Street, pass Church Road on your right and continue until the road begins to bear to the left. Cross over The Street onto Uplees Road and follow the footpath sign on the left. This will take you on a diagonal route through an open field.

A If you want to take the shorter route, turn right out of the pub car park onto The Street and turn immediately right onto Church Road. Continue carefully along Church Road for 1 1/3 miles, passing the car park on your right and onto the Sea Wall picking up at (9).



2 The footpath will reach a T junction taking you on to a farm track after 1/2 mile. At the junction turn left towards the houses. Continue along this pathway, crossing over the road, remaining in a straight direction, through two further open fields until you reach the farmyard opposite Luddenham Church.



3 Turn right through the farmyard, walking with the cow sheds to your left. You will reach a gateway into an open field, go through the gate and continue to follow the footpath which will pass through further gates and a bridge to reach a private gravel lane.



4 Turn left onto the private lane, passing by Poplar Hall on the left, until you reach a gate. Pass through the gate and continue along the footpath to reach a second gate.

5 Passing through the second gate the footpath continues diagonally across the field. You will walk between two electricity pylons, towards a wooden bridge. Cross the bridge and pass through a further gate to reach a crossroads.

6 Go straight across the crossroads where you will pass through two further gates to reach Uplees Road.



7 When you reach the road, cross over it passing Uplees Lodge on your left, and follow the restricted byway route. After 1/4 mile you will reach the end of the byway and will enter into Oare Marshes. After 1/2 a mile you will reach a wide gate, pass through the gate and up a small incline to reach the sea wall.

8 Once on the Sea Wall, you will want to follow the clear pathway to your right. Follow the pathway for 1/2 mile when you will reach the end of Church Road and a car park.

9 From the longer route, continue straight along the Sea Wall and you will reach the Sea Wall Hide.

B If you have taken the shorter route, you will join here.



10 From the Sea Wall Hide, your route will take you over a metal walking bridge by the banks of Oare Creek along the Saxon Shore Way.

11 Follow the footpath, you will reach the boat yard to your left where the path narrows to lead you through a gate and onto the road.

12 Turn right onto the road where you will see your starting point of the pub car park on your right hand side.

